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1. EMBASSY OFFICER ON JAN. 22 HANDED COPIES OF TEXTS OF NOTES (REFS B AND C) TO FRANK CRAWFORD, DIRECTOR, GATT SECTION, INTERNATIONAL TRADE ORGANISATIONS DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF OVERSEAS TRADE, SUGGESTING GOA MIGHT WISH TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL (A).

2. CRAWFORD INQUIRED AS TO OTHER COUNTRIES TO WHOM THIS SUGGESTION BEING MADE. EMBOFF READ LIST OF ACTION ADDRESSEES REFTEL (A) IN REPLY. CRAWFORD SAID HE HAD NOT COMPLETED HIS HOMEWORK AND THEREFORE WOULD HAVE NO SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT FOR THE TIME BEING. HE SAID HE

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WOULD CONTACT EMBASSY "IN A FEW DAYS" TO CONVEY ANY

GOA REACTION.

3. CRAWFORD DID INQUIRE AS TO FORM OF CONSULTATIONS WE HAVE IN MIND. EMBOFF SAID HE LACKED SPECIFICS THIS POINT AND WOULD REQUEST FURTHER INFORMATION FROM WASHINGTON. PLEASE ADVISE.

4. CRAWFORD ALSO COMMENTED THAT THERE WAS ALWAYS DANGER AUSTRALIAN EFFORT TO SUPPORT U.S. WOULD SOUND LIKE "LITTLE ECHO" TO COUNTRIES CONCERNED, WHO MIGHT QUESTION REAL AUSTRALIAN INTERESTS THIS ISSUE. EMBOFF RESPONDED THIS WOULD OF COURSE NEED TO BE CAREFULLY TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT BUT GOA SUPPORT NONETHELESS APPRECIATED.

5. COMMENT: AFTER A YEAR OF WHITLAM GOVERNMENT, THE FEAR OF GOA SOUNDING LIKE "LITTLE ECHO" IS CERTAINLY AN ANACHRONISM.
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